



MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COMMITTEE ROOM A – 4TH FLOOR 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Commission members: The Honorable Ronald B. Adrine, Chairman, Diane Downing
The Honorable Susan A. Drucker, Michael W. King, The Honorable Thomas P. Perciak, Claire Rosacco,
Victor A. Ruiz, Davida Russell (phone). A quorum is established.

2. **MINUTES** – Hold approval of minutes from December 06, 2017 till next meeting.

3. DISCUSSION: Review evaluation approach/criteria

- i. **Evaluated by prior Commissions**
- ii. **New information or conditions for prior recommendations**
- iii. **Clarity of language and purpose**
- iv. **Best handled by the Charter**
- v. **Contribute to government accountability, effectiveness and efficiency**
- vi. **Powers and opportunities for county government**

Are there any thoughts to adding or changing the criteria? No opposition to the criteria.

4. DISCUSSION: Review proposals and evaluate.

Rank proposals by priority and agreed-upon evaluation approach.

Proposals Presented:

1. Office of Inspector General
2. Nonpartisan elections
3. Inspector General Amendment
4. Proposed Amendments to Article IX
5. Roles of the PRC and Department of HR
6. Change of authority of Personnel Review Commission
7. Open Primaries
8. Appointed Officials/Sheriff Elected Official
9. Children of Offenders/Campaign Finance Language
10. Executive and Council succession

Discussion by Committee members Michael King, Thomas Perciak, Chairman Ronald Adrine to combine overlapping items on the list. In reality this commission will not be making more than one recommendation per topic. Agreement was made by majority to combine overlapping items.

Combining

Topics: 1 & 3 (Office of Inspector General / Inspector General Amendment)

Topics: 7 & 2 Treat as a topic (elections) in the same pool. **(Nonpartisan elections, Open Primaries)**

Topics: 4, 5, and 6 (Proposed Amendments to Article IX, Roles of the PRC and Department of HR, Change in authority of Personnel Review Commission)

Topic: 9 should be separated **(Children of Offenders Topic/Campaign Finance Language)**.

Discussion by Committee members to separate topic 9 since they are two different items. Instead of 10 topics we are looking at 11.

Topic 8 Appointed Officials / Sheriff Elected Official

Topic 9 Children of Offenders

Topic 10 Executive and Council Succession

Topic 11 Campaign Finance Language

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Michael King pertaining to the previous commission on the topic of Inspector General which he answered. *Request stake holders - the Inspector General and Law Director Triozzi to come to the next meeting and get the language that was put before Council at the previous Charter Review Commission.*

Topics: 7 & 2 Nonpartisan elections, Open Primaries

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Michael King pertaining to the previous commission on the topic of elections, which he answered. Both were presented /discussed in the prior Charter Review Commission.

Topics 4, 5, & 6 Proposed Amendments to Article IX, Roles of the PRC and Department of HR, Change in authority of Personnel Review Commission)

Committee members discussed and agreed to delve deeper into this topic.

Topic: 8 Appointed Officials / Sheriff Elected Official

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Michael King pertaining to the previous commission on the Appointed Sheriff. Presented at the first Charter Commission. **The change would be to make it a set term and Sheriff could not be removed by council.** Recommended by previous commission and Council declined to put it on the ballot. Discussion by commission members and a vote was put forward to strike item 8 from the list.

Vote to strike topic

Roll (vote) is called to strike item 8. Properly moved and seconded. Consensus was made – topic is removed.

Topic: 9 Children of Offenders

Committee members agreed that the item should be struck, and the Charter Commission should recommend the topic (item) to council as a budgetary item. This should be a budgetary item and should be handled in a normal routine by the County and not in the Charter Review.

Vote to strike topic

Roll (vote) is called to strike item 9. Properly moved and seconded. Consensus was made – topic is removed.

Roll (vote): Motion to make a recommendation of item 9. Properly moved and seconded. Consensus was made (voice vote). Topic is removed.

Topic: 10 Executive and Council Succession

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Michael King pertaining to the previous commission on the **Executive and Council Succession**. This topic was presented / discussed by the previous Charter Review Commission. Recommended by previous commission and Council declined to put it on the ballot.

Committee members ask staff to see if there is anything else out there and what the best practices ins in this type of situation. Also, ask Councilman Miller is there any other structure in mind and ask him to present that as well.

Consensus was agreed to look more at this topic.

Topic: 11 Campaign Finance Language

Committee members discuss Campaign Finance in regards that there are most likely already codes out there pertaining to Campaign Finance. There is nothing out there at the county level. Don't want to put something out there when there is already a code.

Will ask the law department to look at this to see if there is already a code out there. Vote this is an item to further review. Consensus was agreed to look more at this topic.

5. VOTE ON PRIORITIES:

Roll (vote): Topics

- 1 & 3 (Office of Inspector General / Inspector General Amendment)
Committee members agree to take a further look at this topic
- 4,5, & 6 Proposed Amendments to Article IX, Roles of the PRC and Department of HR, Change in authority of Personnel Review Commission)
Committee members agree to take a further look at this topic
- **9 (Children of Offenders Topic/Campaign Finance Language).**
Topic is struck
- **8 (Appointed Officials / Sheriff Elected Official)**
Topic is struck
- 10 Executive and Council Succession
Committee members agree to take a further look at this topic
- 11 Campaign Finance Language

Call is made for a motion to strike items 7 and 2.

Readiness on the motion by commission members to strike from consideration by the commission. Moved and seconded - Consensus was made (voice vote). No oppose - Topic is removed.

- **2 & 7 (Nonpartisan elections, Open Primaries)**
Topic is struck

6. DISCUSSION:

Between now and February – ask staff for information and recommendation provide info to us as soon as possible to review before we get together in February. Suggestion to have the information by

February 2nd to have more time to review. Asking for entities and departments and interested parties to present language for review by the commission.

Order of priorities of Items to be review/discussed:

1. PRC (4, 5 & 6)
2. Executive and Council Succession (10)
3. Campaign Finance Language (11)
4. Office of Inspector General (1,3)

Question: Now that proprieties are set. Will there be an opportunity to add new topics? It is agreed that new topics can still be presented to the commission if needed. Leave this as a soft close.

Committee Member request that at the next meeting: if we are going to be addressing PRC - we should notify Debbie Southerington and Douglas Dykes - they can be here if they have questions or input.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

William Tarter Jr.

Wanted to say thanks for considering the topics.

Ms. Loh

Object to topic Bi Partisan elections being struck from the list.

Councilman Miller

You have chosen to focus on 4 topics.

Suggest –You could have a committee member take the lead on a topic w/ a couple of committee members to aide that person.

ADJOURNMENT

8. Judge Adrian thanked the Commission members. Motion to adjourn the meeting. First and seconded. No objections, Chairperson Adrine adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting: February 7, 2018, 4:00 p.m.